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A Word From Our Chairman

Many thanks for your patience and help during a rather trying period during the closing of THE GRANGE in January and February. So many of you jumped in and helped the Housekeeping Committee with its massive inventory job; and Anne Mills with the updating of the slide files. You'll be pleased to know that no events were cancelled because of the closing. Unfortunately, though, school tours had to be rescheduled.

Again this year, the front and back doors will be open to the public from May 24th until Thanksgiving, in order to view the facade and the gardens. Entrance requirements and procedures will remain unchanged from last year.

We now have a volunteer gardener, Bill Emigh. He is very knowledgeable about restoration gardens, and he and his assistant will work with antique tools, where possible, and be appropriately dressed. Our gardens will be wonderful!

Please speak to your Day Captains about staffing during the summer months. It's imperative that they know, as soon as possible.

The Grange Volunteer Committee Executive for the year 1985/6 is:

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CALENDAR

DAY CAPTAINS' MEETING

Thursday, June 13, 1985
5:15 p.m.

ETCETERA

PEOPLE

IN THE NEWS: Plaudits to Emmy Lind for 40 years of Volunteer service to the A.G.O.

IN THE PICTURE:

Louisa Robinson Allan. Louisa Matilda, the middle figure in Berthon's painting, "The Three Robinson Sisters", was the third daughter of Sir John Beverley Robinson and his wife, Emma. Born on October 9, 1825, she married the Honourable George W. Allan, of Moss Park, Toronto, on April 16, 1846, at the age of 20. The marriage was the social event of the year, and the reception was attended by all of Toronto society.

In 1849, the Allans departed for an extended tour of Europe. For the next three years, they lived mainly in Rome and Cairo. Tragically, Louisa died in Rome in 1852. She was 26. There were no children.

NEEDED: A Volunteer to work with figures of the financial kind. Our Treasurer, Jane Carruthers, has put out a plea for someone to train with her this year, to become Treasurer beginning Spring, 1986.

Also needed is someone (or two) to take over for Dorothy Brown and Virginia Horton. Dorothy and Virginia handle the reporting of monies taken in (admissions, sales, etc.) and tabulate information contained on the green sheets with the cash box and the white Volunteer sheets. Time required for this work is 2-3 hours, one day a week. Dorothy is willing to train her replacements.

RESEARCH

POSTAL SERVICES: Under the Post Office Act, the provincial governments assumed control of their own postal services from Great Britain on April 6, 1851. The first stamp, a 3-pence red adhesive stamp featuring a beaver, was designed by Sir Sandford Fleming. (On the outer wall of the Canada Trust Bldg., at 110 Yonge St., there is a bronze plaque of the stamp as an historical marker.)

DEFINITIONS: What's the word for it? What does it mean?

Gesso - plaster and wood pulp used to build up surface ornamentation in relief. (Used in place of carved wood on picture frames, furniture ornamentation, etc.)

Pewter - an alloy of tin and lead.

Pier glass - a narrow mirror designed to fit between two adjacent windows or doors.

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Wilton - a carpet weave, limited in colour range of individual pattern, noted for extreme durability.

BOOKS; Our library continues to expand. Among the many recent additions, these titles may be of interest. "Toronto to 1918: an illustrated history", J.M.S. Careless; "The Cut of Women's 19th Century Dress", Eileen Collard; "Cot and Cradle stories", Catherine Parr Trail; "The Family Compact; a chronicle of the Rebellion in Upper Canada", W. Stewart Wallace.

LIBRARIES: The Canadiana Library at the Sigmund Samuel Canadiana Bldg. is open for Grange researchers. The collection includes about 6,000 volumes on local and national history; Canadian and American paintings, drawings, prints and decorative arts; farming and manufacturing methods; and some 500 rare books on early voyages and travel. Call for hours and appointment.

EXHIBITIONS

THE GALLERY, STRATFORD - "Folk Treasures of Historic Ontario". May 27 - Aug. 11. Items range from pottery to quilts, toys to kitchen utensils, hooked rugs to furniture, whirligigs to watercolours, and reflect the decorative styles and traditions of the variety of peoples settled in Ontario.

McNAIR GALLERY, VISITORS CENTRE, BLACK CREEK PIONEER VILLAGE: "The Kerosene Era: Lamps from the Thuro Collection". Now open. This is the inaugural exhibit at the new Visitors Centre. Included are kerosene lamps of all types, ranging in size from miniature to banquet, in materials from tin to cameo glass. (Kerosene was invented and first demonstrated by a Canadian, and its discovery stimulated the first rush of oil exploration.)

KITCHENER/WATERLOO ART GALLERY: "Antoine Plamondon - Stations of the Cross of the Church of Notre-Dame in Montreal" and many non-religious paintings. July 25 - Sept. 1. Plamondon's influence on Quebec art is addressed.

COSTUMES

The Costume Department would like Day Captains to send Volunteers to the Sewing Room for their costumes. To make arrangements for fittings, please phone Jean Gray direct at 977-0414 (home 429-0812). Jean and her committee are willing to come in at any time to fit volunteers. Also, if there are any problems or questions about a costume, please speak to your Day Captain, who will contact Jean, or get in touch with Jean directly.

